COVID 19 Mandate Protest 2022-02-20 1900 ET

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Attachments: COVID Mandate Protest Map National DCO.pdf (609.88 kB)

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Update as of 2022-02-20 1900 ET

New information in red below

Bottom Line / Summary:

- Currently no protest activity causing negative operational impacts nationwide.
- POJ is active and coordinates with POEs with ongoing activities nearby or planned.
- **PAC Highway and Paterson**: Protest activity size higher then expected. Still no operational impact reported.
- **Osoyoos**: All protesters have left the vicinity of the POE. The event is considered closed.

REGIONAL POE IMPACTS

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- No protest activity at or near POEs reported in Atlantic, Quebec, Northern Ontario, Southern Ontario and Greater Toronto Area Regions. POJ presence in vicinity at most POEs.

NORTHERN ONTARIO REGION (NOR)

- No change. No protest activity on-going. No operational impact.
- O.P.P. are reporting that there continue to be protesters heading West on Highway 401. No indication that they are headed to any CBSA facility.
- They are also reporting that there are group of protesters that are set-up on a property on or near Highway 417 North of Cornwall.

SOUTHERN ONTARIO REGION (SOR)

All POEs are open. Ambassador Bridge and Peace Bridge report **no** protest activity on-going.

Ambassador Bridge

- City of Windsor has removed barricades at the intersection of Huron Church Rd. and Tecumseh Rd. This intersection is now fully operational allowing access to Huron Church Rd. in both directions. All other intersections North of EC ROW Expressway remain blocked with Police presence.

PRAIRIE REGION (PRA)

Coutts

- No change. Protest activity 18km North of POE. No operational impact.

Northgate:

- No change. Gathering of 18 vehicles aside of POE with no active protest activity. No operational impact.
- At 18:29 ET, the RCMP requested that the NOTAMs over the protest at the Northgate SK Border Crossing be cancelled. The airspace restrictions have been lifted.

North Portal

- As of 16:22 ET, RCMP have reduced their presence at POE, check point locations and patrol. RCMP Tactical Team left North Portal area.
- At 18:29 ET on 20 February 2022, the RCMP requested that the NOTAMs over the protest at the North Portal be cancelled. The airspace restrictions have been lifted.

PACIFIC REGION (PAC)

Paterson

- As of 16:00 ET, there is an increase in protester activity adjacent to POE with **±50 vehicles and ±100 protesters**. There is a pig roast, band, fire pits, speeches, tents, and a portable toilet.
- No operational impact reported.
- One lane remains clear of protester vehicles, however several persons and large crowds are on the highway. Traffic is cautiously flowing in both directions.
- There is one single protester on the US side.

Osoyoos

- As of 16:52 ET, all protesters and conveyances have left the Osoyoos Port area. The event is now considered closed.

Pacific Highway

- Port of entry operations remain open. No operational impact reported.
- As of 15:30ET, demonstration continues at same location 1.5km North of the POE with now approximately 100-150 participants.

- Passenger vehicles are beginning to line around the intersection of 176th St and 8th Ave. RCMP continue to have a checkpoint setup with vehicles and concrete barriers to restrict the lane access.
- RCMP have reported no arrests/detentions.

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PROTEST EVENTS

ONGOING (Impacting or in Proximity to CBSA POE)	Planned UNCONFIRMED
· Coutts, PRA (18km North of POE) · Northgate, PRA (in proximity to POE) · PAC Highway, PAC (In the vicinity of the POE) · Paterson, PAC (North of POE) · Atlantic Convoy (Feb 20-21)	February 20 · Fort Frances & Rainy River, NOR – tip received of possible railway blockage at Baudette Crossing (US) Feb 21 Langley, Surrey, Chilliwack convoy Feb 22 Atlantic Convoy to Ottawa US DC Convoy plans to depart on Feb 24. (Unconfirmed – the 2 events may be related)

Intelligence Landscape

- As of Feb 20 2022, 1200ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure remains low, but caution should be exercised in light of recent law enforcement actions and reporting surrounding IMVE messaging and activity.
- ITAC continues to assess that the terrorism threat to uniformed personnel is medium.

- IMVE adherents may feel empowered by the level of disorder resulting from the protests in Ottawa. This could lead to individuals vulnerable to extremist messaging to commit isolated acts of violence.

Enhanced Vigilance Examinations

As of 1830 ET, 3 new vigilance examinations have been reported.

POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #)	Direct Back			Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
			Under Quarantine Act	Under Emergencies Act	Under EA and QA			
EVEs reported after Emergencies Act implementation (February 16th onward)								
Douglas	1	3					3	Feb 20: 3 Canadian Citizens (2 adults and 1 minor child) were intercepted after having been refused entry by USCBP. The three subjects were not in possession of any proof of citizenship and were referred to secondary to verify. The adult subjects refused to answer questions and were hostile towards officers. Subjects made

								statements which made officers believe they had been or would be participating in Freedom Convoy protests in the area. Subjects however stated they had been attempting to go to the Peace Arch Park. USCBP had informed CBSA officers that they had conducted a very thorough vehicle examination which had led to a narcotics seizure. CBSA vehicle examination was non-resultant. Canadian citizenship was verified through systems checks and subjects were released without incident.

Prescott	1	2		2				Feb 19: BSOs referred two travellers who indicated they were entering to travel to the Byward Market in Ottawa for one. Their hotel reservations were within the red zone area of the city. The travellers were advised that under the current OIC's they would not be allowed to attend that area of the city. During the secondary examination, BSOs discovered an unusual quantity of warm winter clothing for the declared weekend trip and heated blankets. The travellers claimed they were not planning on attending the protests. Two travellers were issued

								a Direction to Return to the US under the *Emergencies Act*.
Lacolle	10	13	2				11	Feb 18: POE EVE Blitz Operation - Over the course of the day, BSOs increased referrals of US travellers for enhanced vigilance exams as part of an operational blitz. Two US citizens were directed back as they did not meet *Quarantine Act* requirements; no concerns with their reasons for travel. The remaining 11 were granted entry; no concerns with reason for travel.
Total (post *EA*)	**12**	**18**	**2**	**2**			**14**	

EVEs reported prior to Emergencies Act implementation (until February 15, 2022 2100 ET)								
Blue Water Bridge	1	2				2		Feb 15: Two FN's arrived with intent of attending the Ottawa Trucker protest. Both employed [redacted] – and did not meet entry requirements. Allowed to leave granted.
Fort Erie, SOR	1	2				2		Feb 13: Two U.S. citizens were arrested after two undeclared firearms were discovered during secondary inspection, which were seized. The driver made a wrong turn as both travellers are protesters who were destined to the protest in Buffalo. Travellers were each issued an Allowed to leave.

Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2	1				1	U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa. Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port
Prescott, NOR	1	1					1	Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2					2	Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Douglas, PAC	10	21	18			3		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3	3					Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch

								Park.
Total (pre EA)	**18**	**33**	**22**			**7**	**4**	

*Traveller directed back to the US for not meeting QA obligations. BSO is satisfied that traveller was not entering Canada to attend the protests.
**Traveller met QA obligations and is being directed back to the US under the EA. BSO identified that traveller was entering Canada to attend protests.
***Traveller directed back to the US for not meeting QA obligations. BSO identified that traveller was also entering Canada to attend protests.

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OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEDIA

Media:

Truck convoy a 'contributing factor' in fatal crash along Hwy. 401: Police

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